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Re: Scoping Notice - Scotty Lake
Coalbed Natural Gas Pilot Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is planning to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed coalbed natural gas project to be known as the Scotty Lake Coalbed Natural Gas (CBNG) Pilot Project.

This project is planned for an area approximately 45 miles northwest of the town of Wamsutter in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The proposal includes the drilling and development of eighteen exploratory coalbed natural gas wells. Appurtenant facilities include access roads, gas collection pipelines, produced water discharge systems, and a possible power supply system.

A scoping notice has been prepared for your review and information, both as an introduction to the proposed project and as a review of the basic procedures we intend to follow in the preparation of the EA.

Scoping is one of the first steps in EA preparation. This process is an opportunity for you to participate in the earliest phase of environmental assessment for the Scotty Lake CBNG Pilot Project. We encourage your input and comments on the project. Information and comments you provide will enable us to provide better environmental analysis and decisions.

We are conducting scoping for the Scotty Lake CBNG Pilot Project for 30 days. If you are interested in participating in the scoping process, we request that you respond by supplying your written or e-mailed comments or concerns about the proposed activity by April 19, 2004. Please submit your comments to:

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Additionally, links to the Scoping Notice will be posted on the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management Rawlins Field Office homepage at www.wy.blm.gov/rfo/. Your response is important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will keep you informed of decisions resulting from the analysis. Please note that public comments submitted for this scoping review, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentially. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Thank you again for your interest in this process. If you have any questions regarding the project, your role, or our responsibilities, please contact John Ahlbrandt, Project Lead, at the address shown above or phone (307) 328-4223.

Sincerely,


Field Manager

Enclosure